

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-9 and 12-16 are pending. Applicant herein amends claims 1 and 9, and cancels claims 2, 10 and 17-20.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone interview of October 20, 2006. During that interview, the participants discussed Applicant's techniques and the QuarkXPress reference. More specifically, the Examiner explained that QuarkXPress is being interpreted as being analogous to the word processing software module and Multi Style II is being interpreted as being analogous to the markup language software module.

In the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2006 ("Office Action"), the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Microsoft® Word 2000, *Microsoft Corporation*, Copyright 1983-1999 ("Word 2000") in view of Extensis BeyondPress 4.0/Multi Style II for QuarkXPress ("QuarkXPress"). While Applicant respectfully disagrees, Applicant has amended the claims to make it particularly clear that the markup language software module associates either a style group or a template belonging to the markup language software module with a template belonging to the word processing software module. For example, amended independent claim 1 recites "naming the style group from within the markup language software module" and "locating the template that is to be associated with the style group from within the markup language software module," and amended independent claim 9 recites "identifying the second template from within the markup language software module" and "locating the first template that is to be associated with the second template from within the markup language software module."

The Examiner acknowledged that Word 2000 does not explicitly teach accessing a markup language software module or selecting a style group from within the markup language software module, but believes that QuarkXPress teaches a markup language software module for automatically converting documents into HTML web pages. (Office

Action, p. 7.) Even assuming for the sake of argument that QuarkXPress teaches a markup language software module for automatically converting documents into HTML web pages, as suggested by the Examiner, the Examiner has not pointed to anything in QuarkXPress that indicates that Multi Style II (which the Examiner interprets as being analogous to Applicant's markup language software module) associates either a style group or a template belonging to Multi Style II with a template belonging to QuarkXPress (which the Examiner interprets as being analogous to Applicant's word processing software module). Indeed, QuarkXPress neither teaches nor suggests, and Applicant can find nothing in QuarkXPress suggesting that a markup language software module performs the association by locating the template belonging to a word processing software module and that is to be associated with the style group or template belonging to the markup language software module from within the markup language software module, as recited. Moreover, the claims recite a novel combination of elements that is neither taught nor suggested by Word 2000 and QuarkXPress.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4-9 and 12-16 are allowable and ask that this application be passed to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8000.

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